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FROM MCCLOSKEY FOR THE SECRETARY

1. AS I REPORTED LAST NIGHT, MANSFIELD IS SO IMMOVABLE IN HIS OPPOSITION THAT EVEN A PERSONAL INTERVENTION BY THE PRESIDENT I FEAR WOULD PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WITHOUT MANSFIELD'S SUPPORT THE ONLY CHANCE OF GETTING A SENATE VOTE BEFORE THE RECESS IS BY FLOOR AMENDMENT OF WHATEVER LEGISLATION IS PENDING. THIS WOULD RISK UNPROFITABLE DEBATE IN THE SENATE WHICH COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND TO NATO. EQUALLY SO, IS THE SITUATION IN THE HOUSE. ZABLOCKI PREDICTS AS MANY AS 90 MIGHT OPPOSE AN EFFORT TO MOVE A RESOLUTION THROUGH UNANIMOUS CONSENT. FASCELL WAS NOT AS NEGATIVE, CONFINING HIMSELF TO THERE "WOULD BE SOME DIFFICULTY." HAYS, WHO WAS ENTHUSIASTIC LAST WEEK BUT DID NOTHING WHILE WE WERE SEEKING SUPPORT FROM HOUSE LEADERSHIP, IS NOW TEMPORIZING BECAUSE OF THE RECESS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THURSDAY.

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2. IN VIEW OF THIS REAL AND POTENTIAL OPPOSITION WHICH COULD LEAD TO DIVIDED VOTES AND/OR ONEROUS DEBATE, I RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT WE SHOULD STAND DOWN THIS EFFORT. THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY MARSH, RUMSFELD AND SCOWCROFT.

UNLESS YOU FEEL STRONGLY OTHERWISE, I WOULD LIKE TO GO

AHEAD AND INFORM JAVITS AND FASCELL THAT WE PREFER NOT
TO PURSUE THIS FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

3. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS IS A DISAGREEABLE REPORT TO HAVE
TO SEND. IT DOES RAISE SOME UNUTTERABLE THOUGHTS ABOUT
A BODY OF GOVERNMENT WHICH MOUTHS A DESIRE FOR PARTNER-
SHIP, BUT WHICH SEEMINGLY CANNOT SUMMON THE WILL TO
PRACTICE IT. INGERSOLL

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